LPG Connections to Bhopal Gas Victims

5735. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had agreed to provide LPG connections "as much as required in Bhopal to the gas victim of Union Carbide";

(b) if so, whether a detailed scheme was submitted by the State Government to Central Government;

(c) if so, whether the State Government had provided all the necessary information as demanded by the Central Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that Central Government has not so far taken any final decision in regard to the scheme;

(e) if so, what are the main reasons for the delay; and

(f) by when the scheme will be cleared so that the affected people are helped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (f) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had requested the Department of Chemicals and Petro Chemicals that LPG connections may be provided liberally to the victims of the Bhopal Gas tragedy. That Department in turn has advised that 50,000 to 60,000 new connections may be required to meet the demand of the gas victims. New LPG connections are released depending on the approved enrolment of the customers, slack availabe with the distributors in the State, waiting list and product availability. Hence it has not been found feasible to released such a large number of new LP G connections to the disaster victims, as a package. Persons registered with LPG distributors are released connections on their turn.

Committee for identifying ports to facilitate import of LPG

5736. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by the Petroleum Ministry for identifying ports for setting up facilities to receive imported liquified petroleum gas has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the report; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The two committees, one for the West Coast and the other for the East Coast, appointed to identify suitable minor port locations for development of LPG import facilities have submitted their reports.

(b) The main recommendations of the Committees are as follows:

(i) It is feasible to develop LPG import facilities atleast at 12 minor ports of the West Coast and 4 of the East Coast.

(ii) Detailed risk analysis needs to be carried out before taking final decision on developing these ports.

(iii) Certain safety measures have to be taken while discharging LPG from the ship to onshore installations.

(iv) Roll-on-Roll-Off concept and Dontoon Jelly concept may be tried for discharge of LPG through minor ports having shallow draft.

(c) Infrastructural facilities may be developed at the identified port locations independently or jointly by the port authorities of the respective

State Govts., public sector undertakings or private sector agencies for import of LPG. Concerned interested organisations have to take action in the matter.

Accident in well No. 158 in Mehasen District of Gujarat

5737. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 9th April, 1994 serious accident occurred near Jotana in Mehasen District, Gujarat on well No. 158 being drilled under ONGC killing 3 persons and seriously injuring 8 persons who are in critical conditions;

(b) if so, what are the details of the accident and the causes that led to the accident;

(c) whether the persons killed or injured were regular employees of ONGC or contract labour;

(d) whether proper safety measures were ensured before blasting deeper layers of the well being drilled;

(e) whether such accidents have occurred earlier if so, what are their details;

(f) whether compensation is awarded to the victims of accident; and

(g) whether inquiry has been ordered into the incident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) On 9th April, 1994 while preparing the strip charges assembly at the North Kadi Well No. 158 in Mehsana Project of ONGC (WRBC), the strip charges exploded causing death to three persons and injuring 12 others. None of the injured are in critical condition.

(c) The three persons killed and five of the injured were ONGC employees. In addition, five contract labourers and 2 villagers were also injured.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) One minor accident took place in 1986 at oil well No. Geleki-122 in the Eastern Regional Business Centre of ONGC. However, there was no fatality.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Yes, Sir.

Allotment of match wax to the state of Haryana

5738. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been meeting the requirement of match wax by various States to the full extent;

(b) what is the per month demand of match wax by Government of Haryana; and

(c) whether the adhoc allotment of match wax was given twice to the State of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir in the year 1993 if so, under what circumstances Government have not given the regular allotment of match wax to the State of Haryana whereas it has started giving regular allotment to the State of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a)